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Dear Senator Balyeat;

My name is Bob Nault. I am a retired Mechanical Contractor from Havre. Our Plumbing and Heating business was started here in Havre by my father in 1943. I started in the Plumbing and Heating business in 1961 after spending two years in the Army. I was active in the business until 2005, when my son took over managing Nault Plumbing and Heating. My son now is the owner of Nault Plumbing and Heating, and presently does Plumbing and Heating work from Malta to Browning.

I was appointed to the Montana State Board of Plumbers by Governor Stan Stephens in 1991 and served on that Board until 1999. I served as Chairman of the Board for four years. As a member of the Board of Plumbers, I have seen the State bureaucrats at their worse. In our business we have had to abide by some bureaucrats interpretation of State law that makes no sense. The boiler license law, or operators law, is completely out of reason. An unlicensed person can install any size boiler, in any size of building, public or private, and have no problem. After the boiler is installed in the building, the State boiler inspector comes around and wants the owner to get somebody that is licensed to check the boiler from time to time for proper operation, this is a great idea as all boilers need to be checked for proper operation (especially steam boilers). Almost all owners of boilers have no one on staff or employ to meet the requirements of the State boiler inspector. Most building owners who have a boiler depend on their heating contractor in town to check their boiler when not working. This isn't good enough for the State boiler inspector, who issues a citation to the boiler owner, because he doesn't have a boiler license. Is the State boiler inspector going to require the gas, propane, or fuel oil company to check the owners boilers also? Maybe the electrician, and the sheetmetal man should also stop by and check their work on the boiler. In my opinion, the State is looking for more money to feed their giant appetite. Most boiler installations are installed by professional contractors who install them according to State building codes, take out a permit, and have the installation checked by State building inspectors.

Revising antiquated boiler regulations is only the first step that needs to be done in the State of Montana's antiquated building and licensing laws. I wish you well, and would be happy to help you if requested.

Thanks

Bob Nault